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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ARRESTS TO REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

1. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS OR SO, THE BANGLA PRESS HAS REPORTED ARRESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE BIPLOBI (I.E. REVOLUTIONARY) COMMUNIST PARTY, WHO ARE ALSO DESCRIBED AS "EXTREMISTS". ARRESTS HAVE MOST OFTEN OCCURRED IN KUSHTIA AND JESSORE DISTRICTS AND THOSE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED MOST FREQUESNTLY AS "ARMED" RO "CARRYING FIREARMS".

2. NATIONAL SECURITY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR GENRAL HAKIM TOLD POLCOUNSELOR JULY 28, THAT THE ARRESTS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS AND ELSEWHERE HAD TOTALLED ABOUT 200 OF WHICH PERHAPS TWENTY ACTUALLY BELONGED TO THE PARTY. THE OTHERS WERE "BAD CHARACTERS" WHO HAD BEEN SWEEPED ALONG WITH
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THEM. THEY ARE BEING HELD NOW WITHOUT TRIAL UNDER PREVENTIVE DETENTION LAWS BUT WILL, HE THROUGHT, BE TRIED BY EITHER CIVIL OR MILITARY COURTS.

3. THE PARTY IS PART OF THE FORMER EAST PAKISTAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH CHANGED ITS NAME AFTER 1971 AND HAS, LIKE ALL LEFTIST PARTIES HERE, SLPLIT. IT HAS A

PHILOSOPHY SIMILAR TO THE NAXALITES,
REJECTING ELECTIONS AND EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE.
HAKIM SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY
CROSS BORDER CONTACT WITH INDIAN GROUPS, BUT THAT THERE
HAS BEEN SOME IN THE DAYS OF CHARU MAJUMDAR. ONE
LEADER OF THE EARLIER PARTY, ABDUL HAQ, ACCORDING TO
HAKIM HAD BEEN "CONVERTED" AND IS NOW IN JAGODAL.
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